

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** August 8, 2013

**Agenda Item:** 2013 Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Upland Game Bird

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Endorse Rule/Action

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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### **Background**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the State of Montana have entered into a positive, cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation that provides for presentation of Tribal season-setting products to the FWP Commission. Regional FWP staff is included in the development of Tribal upland game bird regulations. Tribal recommendations are first presented to the Flathead Reservation Fish and Wildlife Board. The board votes on tentative proposals and opens them to general public review and comment. The board then meets for final adoption. Adopted final proposals are then presented to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council. FWP commission endorsement is subject to final Tribal Council approval.

Other than text style, format and/or presentation, the significant differences between these Tribal regulations and the current FWP upland bird regulations are:

Tribal shooting hours being sunrise to sunset for all game birds;

A requirement that only non-toxic shot be used for all game birds on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal process includes public comment.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

None considered at this time.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

Recommend endorsement of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes upland game bird regulations as approved by the Tribal Council.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move that the FWP Commission endorse the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes upland game bird regulations as presented and as approved by the Tribal Council.